Council of Medical Research, including representatives from Telecom Engineering Centre, for preliminary study on health hazards due to mobile phone towers. The Committee had extensive discussions and has opined that, overall, there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposure from mobile base stations.

Plot owned by Department of Posts

1830. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plots owned by the Department of Posts lying vacant and encroached upon;

(b) the action taken to restore the encroached land to the Department; and

(c) the action taken to put vacant lands to commercial use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Sir, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Action to put vacant land to commercial use has been initiated. The required steps, e.g. setting up of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) are under way.

Subletting the space available in post offices

1831. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to sublet space available in post offices for use of ATMs by Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The Department of Posts is having a Policy for hiring out of vacant built-up